A RESOLUTION to honor Jason Poyner for outstanding work as an intern.

WHEREAS, throughout the course of each legislative session, there have on occasion emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Jason Poyner has distinguished himself as one such individual through his work as a legislative intern for the House State and Local Government Committee and its chairman, Representative Rufus Jones; his efforts resulted in untold benefits for the members he served and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the son of Joe and LaVelle Poyner, Jason is a highly regarded student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to aid in his studies, Jason brought many skills to the State Capitol for the 1995 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during the 1995 legislative session, Jason exceeded all standards with regard to the qualities that are expected of a dedicated and competent legislative intern, performing his many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and intelligence; and

WHEREAS, Jason has had a valuable experience as an intern; he is appreciative of the opportunity to work with not only legislators, but constituents as well; his presence on Capitol Hill has strengthened his desire to be more involved in state government and to do "the people's business"; and

WHEREAS, Jason also says with emotion that he is "proud to have inhabited the same House chamber that Elvis Presley spoke in", and will certainly miss the "flamboyant and eccentric" journalist, Drue Smith, who Jason so admires; and

WHEREAS, as Jason leaves this Assembly to continue his education, we express to him our appreciation for a job well done and extend to him our best wishes for his future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Jason R. Poyner for his exemplary performance as a legislative intern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.

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